

BASEBALL INVENTOR WOULD GUARANTEE TO MAKE .300 HITTER OUT OF ORDINARY PITCHER

ANNANT CONTEST IN NATIONAL SHOULD BE MORE INTERESTING THAN IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

Superiority of White Sox and Red Sox Prophecies Lopsided Race—Teams Better Balanced in Older Circuit

BASEBALL has two joyous angles. One of these is prophesying and the other is looking backward. The prophet season is ripe in the spring...

Everything boiled down, however, it is apparent that things are definite enough to indicate that the race in the American League is to be a lopsided and topheavy one...

Naturally, two teams loom up in each league as being the most likely contenders. In the American the two paramount outfits look to be easily in a class by themselves...

The Red Sox have been hit by the war, but the purse-string and player supply of the ambitious Beantown promoter have been active...

ANY one figuring the Tigers, Yanks, Indians, Senators, Browns and Athletics a look-in this season surely is calculating without a careful slant at the dope sheet.

National Race Should Be Better Balanced

WHILE the Giants and Cubs appear to have the nail on the face of the returns in the National, neither can be said to have a cinch for a runaway, not even among themselves...

The McGraw outfit, however, will suffer in point of reputation as a result of the licking given the chesty ones in the world's series last fall. McGraw's methods had the opposition baffled last year...

Alex is the pivotal point in the Cub dream of conquest. Weachtman has oft repeated the remark that the big fellow will be satisfied and in line pitching the grand ball of which he is capable...

And there are others. The Braves, Reds and Cards are to have strong teams, and don't forget that the Phils are to be considered. Moran will have a team of reliable veterans...

AND don't forget that Uncle Charles Ebbets has a good-looking line-up. It appears stronger than last year. Pittsburgh alone seems to be hopelessly out of the figuring.

Inventor Guarantees to Make Hitting Wonders

REPORT that Yankee ingenuity has solved the U-bout menace has encouraged daring inventors to attempt to solve the big problem faced in the baseball world...

The American Association had the nerve to tackle the spitball and to at least attempt to "cad" the filly delivery and thus give the batters more of a chance...

Among suggestions calculated to improve hitting without kicking out the spitball are to abolish the foul-strike rule, to give the batter four strikes, to lower the pitching mound, to elevate the batter's position...

ONE of the most interesting lines of speculation set in motion by this announcement is what this clever inventor would accomplish if he could get Ty Cobb into his college for a post-graduate course.

Nearly All Braves' Players Get Salary Raise

ACCORDING to Boston papers, Herzog's plan for a big bonus and a renewal of his \$10,000 contract comes as a harsh note in the harmony chorus that is pealing forth a joyous anthem of thanksgiving for kind treatment...

"Patrons of baseball are not concerned in the amounts paid players," Percy D. Haughton, president of the club, said, "but in view of all the talk recently about wholesale slashing, it is only fair to state that there have been no sweeping reductions such as a few players, whose demands are out of all reason, would make it appear..."

"The six players who have not signed know what has been offered them, and we know in fairness to ourselves and to other men on the team we cannot and will not offer them any more. But I believe all will come into the family fold long before the team starts south."

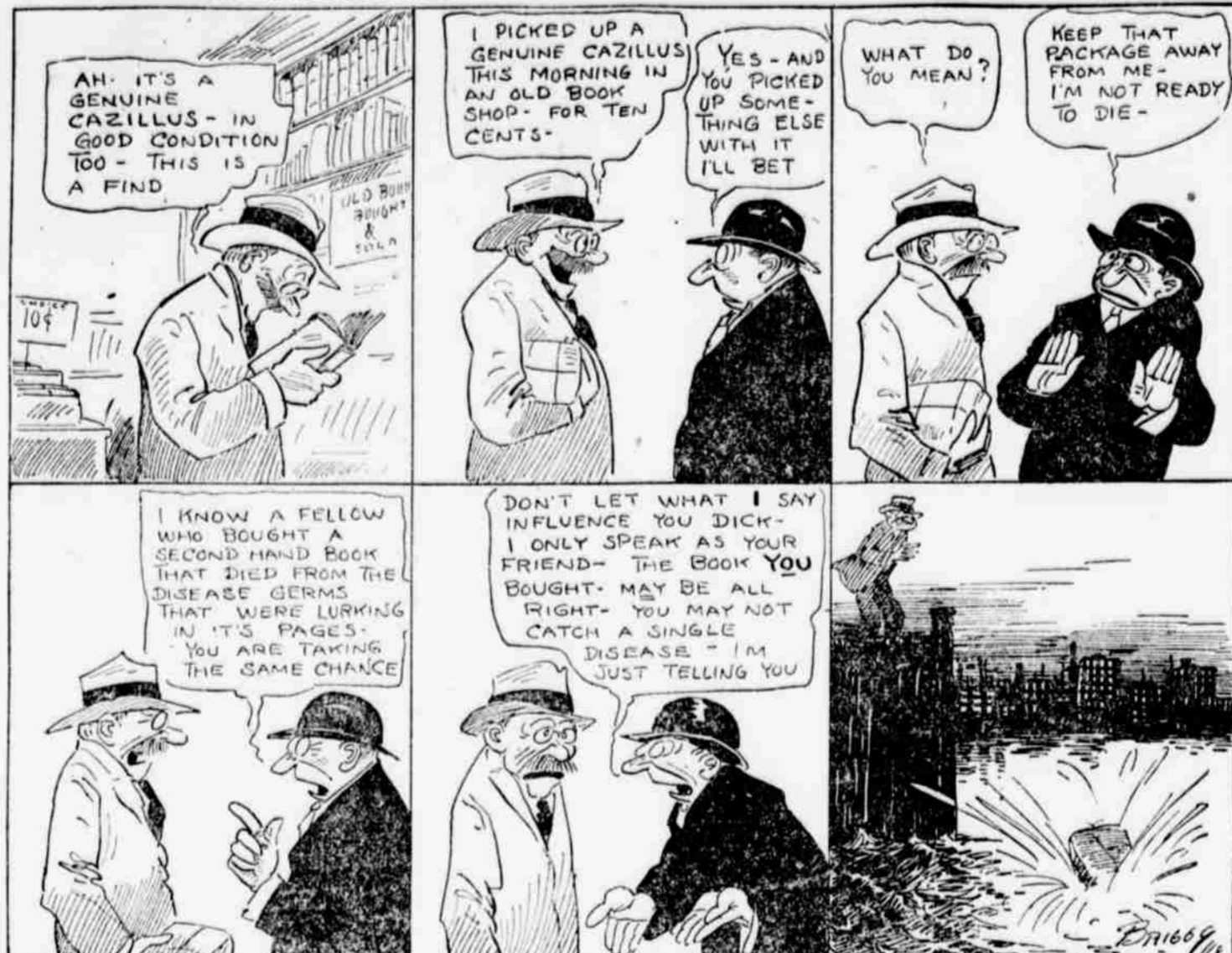
JUST as in the Pratt case, word now has it that there is something more to the Herzog hold-out claim than previously reported. The Maryland ruster now is stated to be holding against McGraw for settlement money to the amount of \$533 for salary reduction...

Merkle Case Solved; Didn't Want to Be Hero

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



TWO ATHLETES AT PENN REINSTATED

Thomas and Tandy Among Those Who Have Cleared Scholastic Deficiencies

THREE OTHERS IN DOUBT

After the first effects of the new eligibility rule at Penn were off the Quaker athletes immediately got busy with their books and the midnight oil, with the result that four of the nine men who felt the faculty axe have cleared off their conditions...

It was only a few days after the rule was announced that Harvey Price and Fred Davis, members of the track team, were declared eligible, and now comes the news that Carl Thomas, the big oarsman, and Bill Tandy, a back on the water polo team, have fought their way through the scholastic fog.

The ineligibility of Thomas did not have any effect on his athletic activities. He is holding down No. 4 seat in the variety shell and continues his training on the machines in Weightman Hall during the gloomy period.

He rowed last year on the freshman eight and also pulled a powerful oar for Central High during his high school days. Last fall Thomas was a tackle on the famous Wharton line of the football team.

The ineligibility of Tandy, however, was costly, for he missed two of the important league games, one was against C. N. Y. and the other against Columbia. The college Quaker team won against City College, but lost to the Morningside Helix aggregation.

The five remaining athletes who have yet to clear off their deficiencies are Herbert H. and continued two of the All-American for the last two years; Red Fisher, goal on the polo team, Jim Hearty, back on the football team, and O'Grorman, an oarsman.

Joe Egan Is Suspended. MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 4.—Joe Egan, of Boston, was suspended by the Wisconsin State Board of Education for being absent from school for two weeks with Urban Dowler here. Dowler had already been suspended.

JOIE RAY NEEDS FAST PACE TO ESTABLISH NEW RECORDS

Fall and Devaney Expected to Push Chicago Runner to New Mark in Meadowbrook Mile

IF JOIE RAY, the sensational Chicago flier, breaks the world's indoor record for the mile, established by Johnny Overton last year in the annual Meadowbrook club games, Saturday night at the Second Regiment Armory, Broad street and Susquehanna avenues, it will be only through the efforts of Mike Devaney, Eddie Fall or Jack Ryan.

Ray will leave Chicago for this city some time tomorrow morning. He will limber up Friday on the Second Regiment Armory track.

Although he has proven beyond question that he is the most consistent track performer that the world has known since the days of Tommy Connett, Joie will be pushed very hard in the first half of the race if he is to come anywhere near record.

This was true in his race with Johnny Overton in the Rodman Wanamaker trophy contest in the Melrose games a year ago, when he made a new mile and a half mark of 6 minutes and 46 2-3 seconds. It was likewise true in his two-mile race with Overton at the New York A. C., when he set the world's indoor mark of 13 minutes 11 2-3 seconds and it was evident in the one-mile National A. A. U. championship race at St. Louis last fall, when he established a new championship record of 4 minutes 15 2-3 seconds.

Can't Set Fast Pace. Ray appears to lack the ability to go out and make a fast pace for himself at the start. But he is fully capable to follow the fast kind of a pace and then come back in the final mile or half mile at such a pace that fairly carries him over the boards or cinders, as the case might be.

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Boosts and Bumps

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. A Glutton for Punishment

CHARLEY PETERSON, the world's champion trick-shot billiardist, is with us for a few days. Charley, who built up his fame, is known throughout the land as "show-me-the-shot-I-can't-make" Peterson. He lives up to that reputation every day—but only when he plays solitary. Outside of his own fancy and exclusive act, Pete is the starting partner of Willie Hoppe, the joy wonder, who is labeled "show-me-the-man-I-can't-beat" Hoppe. Mr. Hoppe also lives up to his reputation and always takes it out on Peterson.

Joe Grim and Kid Bresal were the well-known gluttons for punishment, but they are a pair of pikers when compared with Pete. Every afternoon and evening twice a day—Charley's custom, with Willie and invariably finishes second. No matter how hard he tries or how well he is playing, Hoppe is just a trifle better and in season under the wire a winner by several lengths.

Is Game Under Punishment. Yesterday we watched the carnage at Allinger's and noted that Peterson took his punishment like a little man. He started out like a house afire, made a couple of good runs, and was doing well when Willie came to bat. It is to that time Peter was in great form. Willie missed a couple of easy ones, couldn't do better than a run of 69, and was leading by the score of 109 to 98. Now, in lightning-bright strokes, this is considered a mere trifle, so far as lead is concerned. Pete blew a soft one, and immediately to his seat to gain some strength for the finish.

Willie soon had the balls together, and when that little thing happened Peterson was crased from the picture. He was like a member of the chorus in the back row carrying a spear and shouting: "Hell, the king has come!" Hoppe soon reached 50, and continued without a break until 141 had been checked off. He only needed that number of points to win the game, and the chances are he would be shooting yet had it been necessary.

Could Have Gone Out to Lunch. Pete could have read a couple of books or gone out to lunch while Willie was winning the game. He was entirely unnecessary, and the exhibition would not have suffered by his absence.

More of the Same. But that extra point meant nothing to Peterson. He really didn't have cared had he been 1000. It would have given him more time to rest up for his matinee walloping in three conditions. A twenty-two run game was put on and Pete again was the show on the board. He finished second without a dissenting vote and still he was not through. He game to take his place at the head of the table and proceeded to score a victory all by himself. He put on his assortment of trick shots and it went big. Nothing seemed too difficult, and Pete put his stuff over without a hitch of a net. It was the big bit of the show.

However, it is known that Charley Peterson is no such a billiard player. He is only a former world champion at three conditions and can defeat 50 per cent of the players today at ball line. He is not the best in the country, but can't move it by playing a man-man-I-can't-beat" will be resumed today with the honors as uneven as usual.

DELaware CO. BASEBALL LEAGUE WILL DISBAND. According to one of the officers, the Delaware County Baseball League, the most prominent organization in the county, outside the ranks of organized labor, will suspend activities for the coming year. Infinite action will be taken at a meeting to be held in a few days.

J. Barton Weeks, president of the league, when questioned on the subject said: "The Republican senators caused on the question and decided that this was an important time to bring it up."

Charles F. White, of Brooklyn, suffered his first defeat in the city A. A. U. 1 1/2 mile at Detroit when David McAndrews, of Chicago, won by a score of 209 to 241.

Pat Smith, former captain of the University of Michigan football team, will fight from the air instead of in the navy. Smith, who was at the Great Lakes naval training station for seven months, was granted his honorable discharge so he could join the aviation corps.

A. M. Chivington, business manager of the Louisville Athletic Association club, announced that Jack Leivell, outfielder and infielder, had been secured from the Kansas City Association club. Leivell, it was said, either would play first base or right field.

Bud Weiser has come to terms and his contract has been signed and sent to the Phillies. He was last week reported as a holdout, threatening to play semiprofessionally. He was not traded to the St. Louis Cardinals.

Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, who holds the world record for 100 yards in 15 1/2 seconds, called the record, although she picked up a few more seconds.

HOLDOUTS ARE FEWER IN THE TWO MAJORS

Clubs Round Up Players as Time Draws Near for Spring Training

SOLDIERS WILL BENEFIT. The flock of holdouts is decreasing in major league circles, for within two weeks at the most every club will have gone to work in its training camp. The lineup of camps this year is virtually the same as in preceding years. The few changes are due to the desire of clubs to get close to training camps and play for the entertainment of soldiers.

The Cincinnati Reds, for instance, will do their conditioning at Montgomery, Ala., near one of the big cantonments. The Giants, Cardinals, White Sox and Tigers will be back in Texas. The Red Sox and Dodgers will return to Hot Springs, Ark. The Braves will continue to stick to Miami, Fla., after a brief period of conditioning at George Stalling's plantation in Georgia. The Cubs will make another trip to Pasadena, Cal. The Pirates and Athletics return to Jacksonville, Fla. The Phillies will be at St. Petersburg, Fla. The Yankees and Senators are the only American League clubs to go to Georgia. The Browns will be at Shreveport, La., this year, and a new spot for them in the future will be back in New Orleans.

GEORGE WHITTED PREFERENCES CHICAGO CUBS IF TRADED. George Whitted, outfielder extraordinary of the Phillies, is not a holdout. The only player holding out for more money is Bert Nichols, the second sacker. Whitted hasn't signed his contract as yet, but this isn't worrying President Baker. Yesterday the Phillies' president received a letter from George in which he stated that he had agreed to trade him to Chicago or Boston.

Baker, however, denied that he had promised Whitted that he would be traded. He will be retained by the Phillies. Nothing has been heard from Milton Stock, but Bert Nichols, one of the few men to receive a cut in salary, has made a lick. Bert's salary has had \$5000 lopped off. Sixteen of the Phillies have signed up for the coming season.

MARINE QUINTET MEETS USAAC SQUAD TONIGHT. The first of the proposed series to determine the basketball champion of the service will be staged tonight in Cooper Battalion Hall, Twenty-third and Christian streets, between Captain Hogan's United States Marines and the Cadets from the Allentown Ambulance Corps.

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GIL NICHOLS, WINNER OF MANY TOURNAMENTS, WAS NEVER ABLE TO CAPTURE OPEN GOLF TITLE

In Many Ways the Most Brilliant Professional in This Country and the Most Interesting to Watch in Tourney Play

By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, JR.

EVERYBODY who is interested in golf thoughts toward America. Walter Egan and his father were spending that winter in Cannes, and they wanted him to go to the Lake Geneva Country Club, but, not knowing anything about the country, he went to Lexington, Ky., where Mr. Lockwood was born, but he stayed only one season, for the course could not have been good. Then he had a splendid four-year period of prosperity when he led clubs for Noyes Brothers, of Boston.

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Five years I have considered Gilbert Nichols the most brilliant player of them all, and he has always been a most interesting golfer for me to watch. Nichols is a big, jolly fellow, and when he is on the golf course, and to the observant eye his golf swing is quite an individual.

He is just as much at ease playing before a large crowd as in a single match. He has played more professional matches than any other golfer in this country.

Came From England. A great many people for some reason have believed Nichols to be a Scotsman, but, on the contrary, he is English. He was born about forty years ago at Folkestone, a seaport on the famous English coast where so much golf is played and so many good courses abound. He has an older brother, Ben, who is the only one who has been in the United States, and who has visited here in 1908. The two English boys played only after school and on holidays, and even as that was the case they were "excellent." But he cultivated very little golf fact only about six months between the ages of eight and thirteen years. His parents were able to give him a fine course adjoining the Royal St. George at Stanwick, Three at the age of sixteen he has an appreciation in the shop of Harry Hunter, the clubmaker. Not long afterwards he went to the United States to help his brother Ben, who was the pro there. It was a very popular course at that time, and nearly 200 players were daily on the course. At that time, Nichols, who was president of the club, and many prominent persons played there. There was a Mr. Lockwood, of Boston, who was the only young Nichols and he played his golf.

Holed Out From Tee. The lowest score ever made for eighteen holes was three at Palm Beach. In this round he had a one on the tenth and a three on the eleventh, a 5 on the twelfth. I think that he made the lowest seventy-two hole score in the history of the game at Asheville, N. C., when he scored 277. Hagan and Wilford held were second, ten strokes behind. The lowest score for a single hole in this country that he has ever made is one in this country at the home of Francis Smith. His favorite club is the masher, and he does not believe in those new corrugated-faced clubs that are being used. He thinks the half-inch shafts are the hardest of all. He is a very fine putter. He believes firmly in the importance of the short game in golf, and he excels as a teacher.

GOVERNOR EDGE SIGNS JERSEY BOXING BILLS. Measure Permits Eight-Round Bouts Under Supervision of Unpaid Commission. TRENTON, March 5.—Governor Edge today signed the Hurley bill, passed by the recent Legislature, which allows eight-round bouts in the State with eight-ounce gloves under the supervision of a boxing commission, to be appointed by the Governor and to serve without compensation.

The new law specifically provides that boxing bouts must not be held in any place where liquor is sold. One of the strong arguments in favor of the bill in the Legislature was that boxing is a great feature in the entertainment of the development of the State and to give them skill and ability.

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Sullivan's Own Story. Stories galore about John L. Sullivan have been published since his recent death. Scores of histories of the "champion of champions" have been rushed into print. No one can recite the narrative of his wonderful career from boyhood until he lost the world's battle in 1892 better than John L. himself. William H. Rocap, Sports Editor of the Public Ledger, is the possessor of Sullivan's life history from the latter's own lips. It is a thrilling tale. No one who is interested in boxing or in physical training should miss it. It is being published in daily installments on the sporting page of the morning. PUBLIC LEDGER

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