

NATIONAL LEAGUE PENNANT HAS DONE MUCH ROAMING, VISITING SIX CITIES IN SIX SEASONS

PENNANT NOW MAKING ROUNDS OF CIRCUIT IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

Six Different Cities Have Entertained Flag Winners During Last Six Years, With Pittsburgh and St. Louis Only Ones Overlooked During Campaign

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THE National League pennant has been roaming all over the circuit in the last six years. In that time it has located in six different towns, visiting everywhere except Pittsburgh and St. Louis. That's pretty swift traveling for even a pennant.

Way back in 1914 the Braves, of Boston, breezed through the National League, causing much consternation. Then came the Phils, and, not to be outdone, Brooklyn grabbed the gonfalon in 1916. In 1917 the Giants stepped out in front, and last year Chicago annexed the title.

In the five world series the senior circuit has not covered itself with glory. Boston took four straight from our A's and got them in their losing habits, but after that the American League triumphed. The Red Sox slammed Brooklyn and the Phils, the White Sox lapped the Giants, and Boston walloped the Cubs last year. Cincinnati will try to make good this year, but the odds and tradition and everything else are against them.

Chicago virtually copped the flag in New York yesterday and will be the other part of the act in the fall classic, as some one has nicknamed it. Cleveland has no chance, although that club is playing great baseball now. The only trouble with the Indians was that they didn't start their sprint soon enough.

Tris Speaker, manager of the Tribe, says the White Sox will win sure. "They have Cicotte, Williams and Kerr to use on the mound," he said, "and the Reds will have a hard time with them. Cicotte is better than ever before and should win two or three games. He surely can control that shine ball, and Cincinnati will see something new. I can't see how Chicago can lose."

RAY CHAPMAN and Steve O'Neill also favor the American Leaguers and assert that their views are not biased. They say the Sox line-up is stronger than that of Cincinnati and the pitching will be just as good.

Professional Football Will Flourish This Year

PROFESSIONAL football is in for a big year. Teams will be organized in Massillon and Canton, O., and Cleveland, Detroit, Toledo and Moline, Ill., also will support high-class elevens. This sport is gaining in popularity each year in the Middle West, and star college players are signing up to take one more fling at the game. Jim Thorpe will have charge of the Canton eleven; Mark Devlin, of Holy Cross, will be at Moline; Billy O'Donnell, of Notre Dame, will have charge of the Cleveland team, and Homer Davidson will be at Massillon. Detroit and Toledo have not yet selected their coaches.

In this section of the country we will have a number of semipro elevens, and the gridiron sport should flourish. Frankford, Vincome, Conshohocken, Holmesburg, Hobart, Ewing and Merchant Ship will have teams, and it is said that McClure, Paschall and Colwyn will combine and play under the name of Paschall this season. These elevens play good football and have tough schedules.

Gus Ziegler, one of the best coaches in the country, is working with Vincome and already the team is showing class. Conshohocken, with Bert Yeasley at the helm, also should do well. Yeasley played with the Marines last year and to my mind was the best backfield man in the country. I never have seen a man hit the line harder and keep his feet, nor have I ever seen a better man at receiving a forward pass. His presence in the backfield virtually makes the team, for he will be the star of the circuit.

Semipro football should go big, because it is a regular fall sport and can be played outside of the colleges. Like baseball, the sand-lot athletes like to do some playing themselves instead of watching the big teams. With a little support on the part of the public semipro football will be a fixture here.

VINCOME gained recognition last fall, when a game was arranged with the University of Pennsylvania at Franklin Field. An effort is being made to play again on September 27, and it would be excellent practice for the Red and Blue.

Jersey City Draus Record Boxing Crowd

SPEAKING of crowds and things like that, all records for boxing shows were smashed last Tuesday night at Jersey City, when 46,800 persons jammed into the ball park to see Johnny Kilbane knock out Frankie Burns. This is more than twice the size of the throng at the Dempsey-Willard battle and 15,000 more than at the Gibbons-McFarland waltz, which drew 31,000. Never before in America has there been such a large gathering at a fist event.

The affair, however, was more or less of a political stunt, and, needless to say, it went big. It was held in honor of Teddy Edwards, of Jersey City, candidate for governor of New Jersey. All of his Democratic constituents were present, showing that a good boxing match is the best thing in the world to get the clans together. On the other hand, politics can be used to establish new records.

Kilbane's victory was a popular one and well received by the big crowd. At first it was thought that the champion was not trying, but after he got started the stuff was all off. Johnny never is anxious to inflict punishment. He laid off Burns for four rounds, and when the referee asked him to speed up, a knockout resulted.

Johnny still is kingpin of the feather and at present it doesn't look as if there is an aspiring youngster on the list who can take his number. He might not have the dazzling speed and cleverness of two years ago, but he is hitting harder and packs a knockout wallop in either hand. From now on he probably will pile up a long list of K. O. victims and will try to add a new one on Saturday night, when he meets Eddie Morgan here at the National A. A.

Kilbane plans to box frequently this winter and then retire from the game for good and all. He has been boxing for thirteen years, met all of the topnotchers and was forced to go out of his class to find opponents. He is tiring of the game and intends to retire the undefeated featherweight champion.

JOHNNY has not appeared here since his bout with Joey Fox at the ball park, when he broke his hand in the second round and outpointed the Englishman with one hand.

Still 'Building' Boxing Phenoms

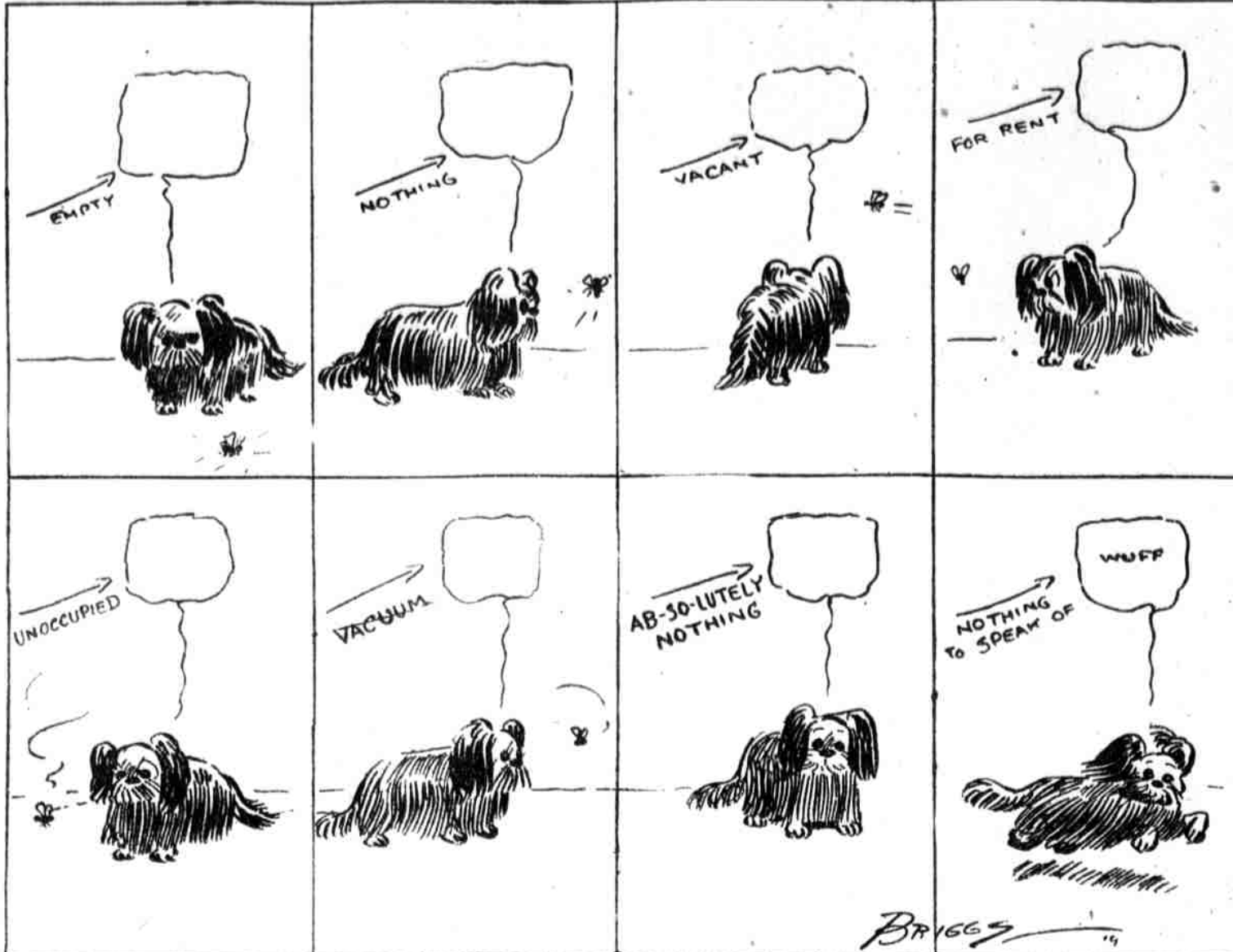
NEW YORK fight fans are raving over a new heavyweight prospect who has been knocking his opponents colder than a ton of dornails. He is Al Roberts, a 167-pounder, and Albert has a record of seventeen knockouts out of a total of nineteen bouts. His seventeenth victim was Soldier Kinley, ever in Jersey City Tuesday night.

Roberts is just past twenty years of age, and young Mr. Roberts will go right along knocking out his opponents consistently just so long as they keep feeding him a lot of bimboes who know as much about boxing as Joe Grim did in his prime. As soon as Roberts is stacked up against one who knows the whys and wherefores of a left hand, say, for instance, Clay Turner, Battling Levinsky or Bill Brennan, young Mr. Roberts will find himself very much at sea, or believe he is in a swinging gate or something like that. He's got an awful lot to learn.

FRED LUDERUS, the Iron Man of the Phils, was honored yesterday in Milwaukee, where he habitates in the winter. The natives of the Wisconsin city surged out to give him a big send off and then enjoyed themselves while the heavens hung a 5 to 3 defeat on the Phils. Ludy also will be honored here on September 23 when the club returns from the western invasion.

D. H. M. GODDARD, of this city, accomplished something yesterday that few will fail to do. He scored a knockout over Jack Dempsey in a five-round fight. The doctor retained the champion's neck.

WONDER WHAT THIS KIND THINKS ABOUT



COME-BACK OF BENDER ONE OF THE LEADING EVENTS OF CAMPAIGN

Brilliant Work of Famous Chief in Minors This Season Proves That Every Star That Fades Does Not Remain Forever Under Mantle of Darkness

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

Picking the Winner

The Sox Fan Speaks: They'll beat the Sox out? Where do you get it? Somebody's kidded you into a trance? Here is my shirt and I'm willing to bet it—How do you figure the Reds have a chance? Not with E. Collins coveting around—Not with Buck Weaver still mopping up ground—Not with Joe Jackson assaulting the pill—Not with Hap Felah and his centerfield thrill—Not with Chick Gandil and Cicotte and Schalk—Not with this Williams parading the walk—Not while The Kid wants his place in the sun—Yes, they can beat us—like Germany soon.

The Red Fan Answers: Beat out these Reds and the team that we've gathered? Funny how heads are inclined to grow fat; Somebody's going to get highly lathered, Somebody is—and his name isn't Pat. Not with Slim Sallee's historic old wing—Not with Hod Eller and Reuther and Ring—Not with that infield from Deubert to Grob—Not with E. Roush stepping into a blow—Not while Moran's sitting down on the lid—Yes, they can beat us—like Austria did.

The Champion Come-Back

EACH citizen of this dazed and writhing universe always esteems the come-back highly. For each one likes to believe that if he ever started slipping he, too, can apply the brakes and report to the heights again. It would be a shadowed existence if every star that faded out remained forever under the mantle of darkness. Wherefore, the return of Charles Albert Bender, the Chippewa chief; is one of the main events of the year. Bob Gilkes, the veteran baseball scout, who has been beating the bush for Yankee talent, pronounces Bender's reincarnation one of the marvels of the game. "It was not," remarked Gilkes, "that I saw Bender win one ball game after another working with Richmond. The amazing part was that the Chief showed me as much stuff as he ever had shown in his life. He had the same streak of a fast ball that he handed the Giants back in 1905 and turned on them again six years later, in 1911. He had the same big-hop—the same sharp curve—in fact, everything that he had when many picked him as the greatest one-game pitcher that ever lived."

"A M. I. blind," I asked Oldring after the game, "or is the Chief as good as he used to be with the Athletics?" "He's better," said Oldring. "He's better than he ever was in his life." As long as a league president is allowed to own stock in one of the contending ball clubs the only wonder is that the league ever expected to draw an impartial output of justice. There are more things that don't go together than ice cream and salt.

It May Happen: They took the ball straight down the ball—Beyond the ten-yard line—The halfback added four yards more—And landed on his spine; Two yards to go—the fullback stood—He vain to get the kick—The quarter and the center rush—Had gone upon a strike.

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETEEN hasn't carried as many war thrills as 1918 knew, but in other ways it has been a striking success. WHAT has become of the old-fashioned headline, "Athletics Picked to Win World Series"? THOSE who believe that luck plays a very small part in any sporting enterprise have generally had most of it.

"ALL Pat Moran needs is some one to stop Eddie Collins." And all Ludendorff needed was some one to stop Marshal Foch. "KID GLEASON hasn't enough pitchers to face a nine-game series." How about the 140-game series he is just concluding?

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

- West Philadelphia A. C. has September 20, 27, October 4 and Sunday dates open. B. Frankley, 6043 Vine street.
Tulpehocken Reds has September 20, 27 and October 4 open. William Kaibacher, 414 North Cleveland avenue.
Welcome A. C. would like to hear from first-class home clubs for September 20 and 27. William Lavery, 649 Saybrook street.
Philmore A. A. has September 21, 27 and 28 open. Edwin Leach, 2747 North Front street.
Philadelphia City Club has September 20 and 27 open. Charles Weber, 2123 North Front street.
Virtus A. A. would like to arrange games with first-class traveling teams. Morris Landy, 412 West York street.
Roodeale Professionals have September 20 and 27 open. Ed. Mintzer, 2418 North Colorado street.
Open Evenings: Smilers' 1007 Market St. You Cannot Duplicate Our New Fall Soft Hats at \$3.50

WARNER WILL USE TWO SETS OF BACKS

Abundance of Material Causes Formation of "Flying Squadron" and "Rock Crushers"

HASTINGS IS AT FULLBACK

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 18.—Coach Glenn Warner is beginning to get a line on his varsity eleven, after a week's hard work at Camp Hamilton, Windber, Pa. It seems to be apparent already that "Pop" is figuring on using two distinct sets of backs. They have been dubbed the "Flying Squadron" and the "Rock Crushers."

The "Flying Squadron" is composed entirely of veterans and includes Captain De Hart, Andy Hastings, Jim Morrow and Tom Davies. Hastings plays fullback on this combination, with De Hart and Davies at the halves. Jimmie calls the signals, plays the quarterback position and leads interference, as he did in 1917.

There is little doubt that Hastings will be the regular fullback. He is being drilled there daily and is showing fine form all the time. This quarter is declared by Pitt men to comprise the fastest backfield in the United States. Every member of it is a speed boy.

OWENS ENTERS LAFAYETTE

Former Southern High Athlete Articulates at Easton Institution: Owens, the former South Philadelphia High School versatile athlete, who is called "Scoop" because his name is George, left here this morning for Easton to enter Lafayette College. Owens played left end on the 1916 championship eleven at Southern and also played several seasons on the basketball and basketball teams.

BIG GAME SATURDAY

Lansdowne and Dobson Play a Strawbridge & Clothier Field: The second game of the series for the Main Line League championship will be held at the Strawbridge & Clothier grounds Saturday between Lansdowne and the Dobson team.

VETERANS AT SWARTHMORE

Fourteen S. A. T. C. Players in Initial Garnet Football Practice: Swarthmore, Pa., Sept. 18.—More than forty candidates for the Garnet football team appeared on Swarthmore Field yesterday afternoon for the first practice. Coach Mercer kept his men busy for an hour and a half passing the piskin and charging, and finished off with a jog around the track.

REX WRAY WILL MAKE PENN'S VETS HUSTLE

Wee Westerner Shows Fight for Job in Quaker Backfield; Played With Cleveland Navy Eleven

EXPECT DERR TODAY

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK: REX WRAY, a wee chap from the West, is making a strong bid for a job in the backfield of the Pennsylvania eleven. Short on poundage and build, this little fellow has the courage to fight for a post on a team that boasts of more veterans than there are positions.

Wray doesn't weigh more than 145 pounds, if he carries that much. He doesn't look strong, and there are many who doubt if he can stand the gaff of big college football. He's just a bundle of nerves that twist and squirm and streak.

The westerner went an exhibition of his skill in a short scrimmage on the green lawn of Franklin Field yesterday afternoon, and there wasn't one of those 200-odd onlookers who wasn't impressed with the style of his play.

WETS WILL RETURN TO CONSHOHOCKEN

Many College Stars Will Report for First Practice of Season Sunday: Conshohocken is going to have the best football club in the city. Any doubting person should have Bert Yeasley, former Northeast and Navy Yard star, paged. Bert admits that no club will be able to cope with Conshohocken.

NOVEL COACHING METHODS

Coach Hill Arranges Series of Road Runs for Frankford A. A.: Frankford A. A. gridiron aspirants will engage in a five-mile cross-country race tonight. Coach Eddie Hill, former Cornell star, has decided upon a series of such races to get the candidates in condition.

P. M. C. CANDIDATES IN ROUGH DRILL

Sweeney, Aspirant for Center Position, Makes Fine Showing in Fast Practice

SWITZER PLAYS WELL

In rough individual scrimmage work yesterday a splendid showing was made by Sweeney, candidate for center of the Pennsylvania Military College team. Si Pauxis, athletic director, warmly commended his aggressiveness, praised his persistent following of the ball and his tackling. Sweeney is contending with Lloyd for the center position.

FIND PUNTERS AT W. AND J.

Assistant Coach Henry Discovers Four Good Kickers: Washington, Pa., Sept. 18.—Coach Morrow got his scrimmage practice under way at Washington and Jefferson yesterday afternoon, and also brought the tackling dummy into play.

SHAW JOINS COLUMBIA SQUAD

New York, Sept. 18.—Charlie Shaw, former intercollegiate half-mile champion and one of Columbia's fastest veteran backfield men, drew his full equipment yesterday afternoon and will be working under the first time this year. Shaw had been undecided about his future football for this year and had virtually concluded to limit his athletic activities to the track.

MORE MEN REPORT AT BROWN

Providence, R. I., Sept. 18.—While only fifteen Brown football candidates during the last few days have been working under Coach Robinson and Hein the squad today was increased to nearly fifty men. Buck Whittemore, first assistant to Robinson, appeared on the field today for the first time this season.

NATIONAL POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

Meadow Brook 2d vs. Phila. Country Club: Final for Junior Championship Philadelphia Country Club Woodside Park 4:30 P. M. TODAY Tickets, 25 cents, 50 cents, \$1.00

SHIBE PARK TODAY, 3:30 P. M.

ATHLETICS vs. CLEVELAND

PALACE RINK

Advertisement for Smilers' hats, featuring a hat illustration and text: 'You Cannot Duplicate Our New Fall Soft Hats at \$3.50. They are entirely different in their style conception, and their smartness is apparent at first glance. Their only rivals are to be found in exclusive shops at nearly double our price. John B. Stetson Hats—\$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00. SMILERS' 1007 Market St. 154-156-158 North 5th Street'