

BILL DONOVAN'S LANDSLIDE SPEECH WON'T BE A MARKER TO SOME HE'LL MAKE TO THE PHILS

E. MEUSEL NEEDS LOST HOME RUN TO PROVE HE'S FIFTY PER CENT OF THE BEST CIRCUIT CLOUTER

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger. THERE is a mystery—one of those deep, dark mystery series—in the National League. A perfectly good home run, which also answers to the name of circuit clouter, four-base sock and tourist thump, has become lost, strayed or stolen. Perhaps it is wandering aimlessly among the percentage tables in the official batting averages, but this cannot be proved. Ernie Lombardi, Al Muro Elyas, Irvn Howe and other noted figure slingers on the trail and report progress. Figger slingers always report progress.

When the missing homer is discovered it will be returned to E. Meusel, of the Phils. E. Meusel needs it to prove he is 50 per cent of the best home run hitter in the National League. The other 50 is Cy Williams. When the season ended on October 3 Al Muro Elyas published his batting averages and handed Meusel fifteen homers. Williams had the same number, thus giving our set the two champion sluggers of the circuit. There was much joy and Williams and Meusel congratulated each other.

Today the official averages were inflated on the palpatating public, and Irish is credited with only fourteen homers. This caused the mystery. The slugs are positive the missing wallop was lost between October 3 and December 6. That's the worst place to lose four bases. However and be that as it may, our Phils won the home-run championship of the league last year. A total of sixty-four was registered by the merry men, and Cy Williams was the leader with fifteen. Meusel is next with fourteen unless the other is discovered. Davy Robertson, of the Cubs, and Austin Mcherry, of St. Louis, are next with ten each, and Casey Stengel connected with nine during the season.

ing staff, and the fingers prove it. They were nothing to brag of, but the disease and course on the attack. Mack Wheat hit .228, Traversor .210 and Withrow .182. The stick work of Ralph Miller was surprising. The kid third baseman looked pretty good at the plate, drove in many runs, but had an average of only .219 for the season.

WALTER BETTS was the worst hitter on the team. He was able to make but two singles all year and compile an average of .089. George Smith was next with .097.

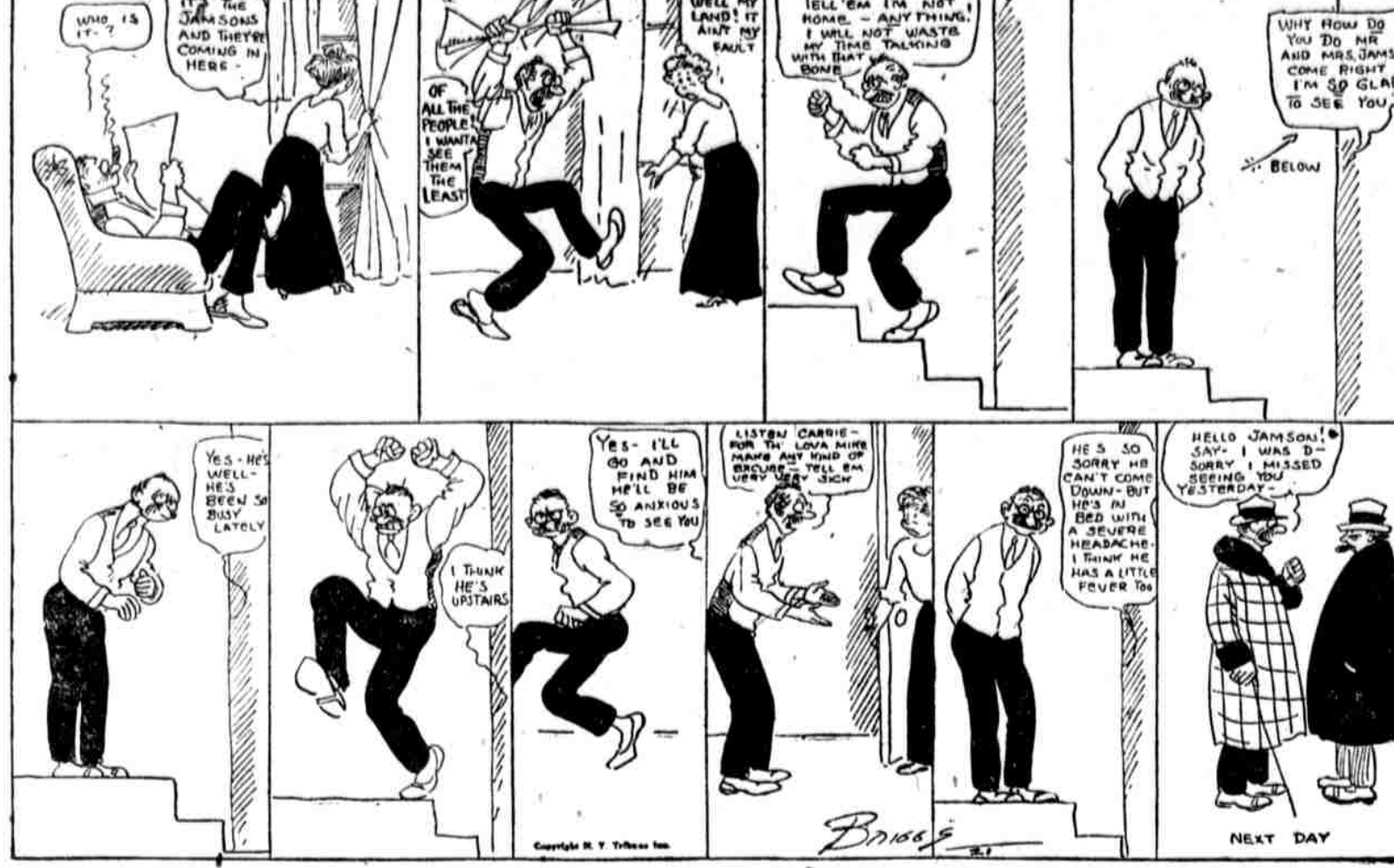
370 Homers in American League. Good hitting does not always win a pennant. The St. Louis club led the league in club hitting with an average of .280, which is very good, yet finished sixth in the won and lost column. Brooklyn was second with .277, and the others were closely bunched. Pittsburgh was last with .257.

THE American also led in two-base hits, with a total of 2019 against 1691. The Nationals, however, made more three-baggers, the score being 144 to 67.

115 Circuits, No Pennant. THE home-run record made by Babe Ruth was one which is likely to stand for some time. Bambino believes he will bust it this year, and you can't blame him for that. However, it must be remembered that the big boy was 100 per cent efficient in 1920. He had reached the top of his form and had all the talents gussing.

SOME day there might be an argument about the value of home-run hitters on a ball club. No doubt it will be strong. Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Co.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



EASTERN QUINTETS IN CRUCIAL SERIES

Camden Confidently Expects to Lower Colors of Reading in Army Battle Tonight. Two of the best basketball combinations in the country mingle this evening in the Third Regiment Armory, Hobson avenue and Mickle street, Camden, when the Camden and Reading teams of the Eastern League come together in one of the crucial games of the week that will decide whether Camden, Trenton or Reading carries away the first half honors or if the initial series is to end in a double or triple tie.

OFFENSE IN SOCCER HINGES ON FORWARDS

When Attack Overcomes Rival Fullbacks, Goalkeeper Still Must Be Mastered—Center Should Direct Kicks to Wings—Halfbacks Intercept Passes. By DOUGLAS STEWART. Coach of the University of Pennsylvania's soccer eleven, intercollegiate champions, forwards, who make toward the opposite goal with it. It is the duty of the left half to have intercepted the pass, but failing to do so, to get the forward who did receive it and endeavor to take the ball from him either by hooking it from or charging him off the ball.

BRITISH PLAN TO VISIT U. S. LINKS

Golf Committee From St. Andrews Will Study Problems of American Courses. The Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, which received a visit from a committee of the United States Golf Association last year to discuss changes in golf rules, will send a similar delegation of five men to this country next June, according to authentic information in golf circles yesterday. The British committee, it was said, will visit many of our courses and study the problems and needs of American golf links.

COBB'S 1920 "SLUMP" TO .335 MARK ENVIED

Several Ball Players Would Like to "Skid" to Ty's Lowly Figures Just Once—Willard Should Correlate Massive Body and Intelligence. By GRANTLAND RICE. THURSDAY COBB, as is to be understood the situation, blew himself up on an amazing slump last season, dropping to .335. There are still several ballplayers, here and there, who would like to slump to those lowly figures for just once in their careers.

NEW LEAGUE ELECTS

A. F. Lawson, of Boston, to Head Continental Circuit. Boston, Jan. 5.—The Continental Baseball League, Inc., which its promoters say will pit baseball teams into several major league cities, held its first meeting and elected Andrew F. Lawson, of this city, as president. Franchises were assigned by states as follows: Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and possibly the province of Ontario, with a team at Toronto.

Frost-Bitten Divots on Wintry Links

By SANDY McNBELCK. A little too short was the brief report of Howard Perrin, "war" president of the United States Golf Association, held there in 1917. Mr. Perrin took leave only a few months before the United States went to France. He had had out a program of procedure which would have gone far to smooth over whatever ruffles there are left of the difficulties in the national body.

Harvard Track Men Report

Boston, Jan. 5.—Aspirants for the Harvard team in the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,600 and 3,200 yard races, and the mile, two miles, three miles, four miles, five miles, six miles, seven miles, eight miles, nine miles, ten miles, eleven miles, twelve miles, thirteen miles, fourteen miles, fifteen miles, sixteen miles, seventeen miles, eighteen miles, nineteen miles, and twenty miles, were reported to Coach Fred Johnson, who has had them on the track every afternoon in preparation for the Boston Athletic Association games in February.

Favorites Win Again

Baldwin and Johnson have yet to settle the first-half supremacy of the Manufacturers' League and the Shiner pair have started off the second series in a deadlock. They succeeded in winning the first of their five matches in the first evening, when Baldwin trimmed Budd 39 to 12, and the Bald win quintet swamped Skatotype 34 to 15.

Hockey Player Hurt

Washington, Pa., Jan. 5.—Haymond Brown, aged nineteen son of a Washington and Jefferson College, was injured last evening, while playing in a practice game at Claysville, Pa., by a Philadelphia player. It is reported that the Philadelphia player is not in New York.

MESSINGER BOYS TO RUN—HONEST!

Philadelphia Team Hopes to Be Speediest in W. U. Meet in New York. Local messengers who will compete in the second annual games of the Western Athletic Association in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory, 1078th street near Broadway, N. Y., next Saturday night expect to make a good showing in all the events in which they are entered.

Prominent officials of the Western Union have signified their intention of attending, and the messengers boys have been making rapid strides since entering the field of athletics. The local lad has been working hard under the direction of Harry Saltzman, B. H. Rivis, manager, will leave on Saturday morning with his team and the coach and in confidence of making a good showing in the Philadelphia relay, to be opposed by teams from Baltimore, Buffalo, Newark, Brooklyn and New York.

Interest in Relay. While the sprints are attracting an end of attention, the big event on the evening's card is the intercity relay. The local athletes feel they have a fine chance of bringing home the bacon in this event, and have selected a team of five runners who are regarded as certain point gainers, according to prominent track and field men who have been assisting the manager and coach in the practice trials.

Many Events on Program. The program of events for the meet is a diversified one and includes sixty-yard dash, scratch, for boys under 10 pounds; 220-yard dash, scratch, for boys under 110 pounds; 100-yard dash, scratch, for boys 110 pounds and over; 220-yard dash, scratch, for boys 110 pounds and over; obstacle race, running high jump, half-mile intercity relay race.

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CHIEF BENDER after a winter of hunting and transplanting will again resume his pushing and managerial duties with the New Haven club this spring. The New Haven club, which has been in the hands of the American League since 1917, has been managed by Chief Bender since 1919.

FREDDIE WELSH after a lay-off of last four years, believes he can come back. It is the oldest dream of the title. Members of what used to be the greatest team of the American League, Fred and Freddie, have been in the hands of the American League since 1917.

WALTER HAAGEN and Jim Barnes started 1920 battling each other as two leading sluggers of the Philadelphia club. They were both in the hands of the American League since 1917.

WALTER HAAGEN and Jim Barnes will be in Florida soon tuning up their bats for the coming season. They were both in the hands of the American League since 1917.

St. Louis is going to do the share toward winning the home-run championship of the American League. The Cardinals have been leading the league in club hitting since the start of the season.

Ray McCarthy writes tonight despite the fact that George Traylor, who was the leading pitcher in the American League last season, has been in the hands of the American League since 1917.

It is noted that the New York players of the National League Association will be in the hands of the American League since 1917.

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